



TRANSPORTATION POLICY (USE OF GOLF BUGGIES)

A. Aim of Policy

1. This Transportation Policy is referred to in CAGU's General Conditions of Competition. It covers the circumstances in which golf buggies may be used in CAGU competitions.
2. CAGU wishes to encourage participation in golf, regardless of a person's disability. This policy is designed with this aim and to fulfill CAGU's obligations under the Equality Act 2010.

B. Definitions

1. "Disability" means a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day to day activities.
2. "Valid medical confirmation of disability" means a valid medical certificate from a registered general practitioner or consultant that the player or caddie is suffering from a disability, as defined in B 1 above.
3. "Secretary/Organiser", as used below, means CAGU's Competitions Secretary or other designated Competition Organiser.
4. "Competition Committee" means the minimum of three officials who have been designated as the Competition Committee for a particular event.

C. People who may use a golf buggy

1. It is a CAGU Condition of Competition that players must walk during a stipulated round, unless permitted to use a golf buggy by the Secretary/Organiser.
2. A buggy may be used by a player or caddie who can provide a valid medical certificate of disability (B 2 above) and has requested permission to use a buggy at least seven days before the first day of the competition concerned. Where the disability prevents the player or caddie from driving the buggy, the player or caddie may nominate a driver who must be approved by the Secretary/Organiser.
3. Permission may not be refused without good reasons if the criteria in B 1 and 2 above, are met.
4. If a player under the age of 18 meets the criteria, the Secretary/Organiser shall reserve the right to specify the buggy is driven by another person of the Secretary/Organiser's choice, if a person having parental responsibility for the player is unable or not competent or qualified to do so.



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5. If the Secretary/Organiser refuses permission to use a buggy, the player/caddie shall be informed with the reasons for the decision and the right to appeal this refusal to the Competition Committee (See F below).

D. Conditions in which use of a golf buggy may be permitted

1. Where the use of a buggy is allowed, the Secretary/Organiser shall consider the following additional health and safety considerations before granting approval:
 - a. Weather conditions
 - b. The topography and ground conditions
 - c. The condition and suitability of the buggy
 - d. Any other considerations which could affect the safe use of a buggy or the safety of others.
2. If the Secretary/Organiser believes that for health and safety reasons a buggy should not be used at a particular time the Secretary/Organiser may:
 - a. Refuse permission to use a buggy and shall inform the player and, if appropriate, the caddie or other driver of this decision
 - b. Revoke permission if new health and safety considerations have come to light since initial permission was granted.

E. Conditions for use of golf buggies

Any driver of a buggy will be provided with a copy of this Policy and must agree to the following conditions:

1. The buggy must be driven with courtesy, care and consideration for the safety of others, within any specified speed restrictions and in accordance with any relevant buggy operating guidelines/instructions.
2. The buggy shall be for the sole use of the player or the caddie and the player's equipment, although it may be driven by another person permitted by the Secretary/Organiser.
3. The buggy must not impede pedestrians or vehicles on roads, ramps or pavements and must not use prohibited areas including public highways and pavements.
4. Drivers must follow directional signs.
5. Occupants must remain seated while the buggy is moving.



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6. A driver must accept responsibility for any losses or injury caused for which the driver is at fault.
7. The driver must have adequate personal and third party insurance.

Failure to comply with these conditions may result in the player, caddie or other driver being denied permission to use a buggy.

F. Appeals Procedure

1. A Secretary/Organiser's decision to refuse permission for a player or caddie to use a buggy may be appealed to the Competition Committee.
2. An appeal shall be made in writing as soon as possible, but at the latest within 5 working days of the date of the initial decision, addressed to the Secretary/Organiser. Any appeal must include a statement by the player or caddie, giving reasons why the player or caddie is appealing against the decision.
3. The Competition Committee shall make a decision on the appeal and communicate it to the player or caddie as soon as possible, but at the latest within 10 working days of the initial appeal or, if sooner, 24 hours before the start of the competition concerned.
4. The Secretary/Organiser has sole discretion to waive or modify these timescales in order to expedite the decision-making process.